


## Financing adult learning database

<b>Name of the instrument - Local language</b>	Qualifizierungsoffensive Bau
<b>Name of the instrument - English translation</b>	Qualification Initiative - Construction
<b>Scheme ID</b>	6
<b>Country</b>	 Austria
<b>Reporting year</b>	2020
<b>Type of instrument</b>	Grant for companies
<b>Sub-type of instrument</b>	Support for direct costs
<b>Type of entry</b>	Example for a group of instruments

<b>Short description</b>	Companies in the construction sector in Styria can apply for the grant to finance their training costs. Steirische Wirtschaftsförderung (SFG) administrates the measure and decides upon the funding. Grants are usually allocated based on a first-come-first-served basis. Co-funding of the grant is 50% of the eligible costs (i.e., training fees). The eligible education and training activities are listed in a specific programme. The funding is provided from the regional budget. There is no preferential treatment for particular applicants. There is no limitation to re-use the grant.
<b>Short description of the related instruments</b>	Not applicable

<b>Level of operation</b>	Regional
	Sectoral
<b>Name of a part of the country</b>	Not applicable
<b>Name of the region (for regional instruments)</b>	Styria
<b>Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)</b>	Construction
<b>Relevance</b>	Further instrument

<b>Legal basis</b>	Steiermärkisches Wirtschaftsförderungsgesetz 2001, LGBI. Nr. 24/2012 in der geltenden Fassung
<b>Objective(s) and target(s)</b>	To upskill entrepreneurs and employees to secure the company and to protect the jobs.
<b>Year of implementation</b>	2003
<b>Operation/management</b>	Companies in the construction sector can apply for the grant at the Steirische Wirtschaftsförderung (SFG) which then decides upon the funding. The SFG is an outsourced limited company (GmbH) of public law of the parliament of the Bundesland Styria. It is financed by the local government and is responsible for the whole execution of the funding. The SFG is a service provider, which aims to contribute to the consolidation and growth of the Styrian economy. The SFG is responsible for attracting new business to the region in an effort to encourage industrial expansion. They offer companies a broad range of services free of charge, such as general information, advice on grants and financing and location consultancy/location analysis. They help with forging links to Styrian technology and centres of excellence as well as to networks and clusters.
<b>Eligible group(s)</b>	Companies in the construction sector in Styria.
<b>Group(s) with preferential treatment</b>	No preferential treatment
<b>Education and training eligible</b>	Any type of training listed in the specific programme.
<b>Source of financing and collection mechanism</b>	Regional budget (Bundesland)
<b>Financing formula and allocation mechanisms</b>	50% of the course costs are covered with no minimum and no maximum amount. Allocation: The application must be made before the beginning of each course. Invoice, service delivery and even debit value date must be dated after the date of the application. The documents have to be submitted by the applicant company at the SFG. After examining the payment is made directly to the bank account of the company. Grants are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Fees
<b>Volumes of funding</b>	EUR 250 000 in 2020
<b>Beneficiaries/take up</b>	280 in 2019
<b>Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation</b>	The Steirische Wirtschaftsförderung SFG.
<b>Most relevant webpage - in English</b>	Not available

<b>Most relevant webpage - local language</b>	<a href="https://www.sfg.at/f/weiterbildung-in-der-baubranche/">https://www.sfg.at/f/weiterbildung-in-der-baubranche/</a>
<b>Recent changes</b>	<p>No recent amendment</p> <p>Recent changes in response to COVID-19</p> <p>No changes</p>
<b>Sources</b>	<p><a href="https://www.sfg.at/f/weiterbildung-in-der-baubranche/">https://www.sfg.at/f/weiterbildung-in-der-baubranche/</a></p> <p>SFG Annual reports: <a href="https://www.sfg.at/die-sfg/">https://www.sfg.at/die-sfg/</a></p>